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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING BATCHES OF IMMUNOCOMPETENT CELLS COLLECTED FROM HUMAN OR ANIMAL SUBJECTS FOR DEFERRED USE, AND RELATED THERAPY METHODS

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of February 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 32-34.

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-31, 35 and 36.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicant elects Species A, cells stored for deferred use. It is believed that claims 1-9, 20-22, 23-31, 35 and 36 are readable on the elected embodiment.